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Wave Hill Celebrates the Holidays: Programs, Artworks and Concerts Adorn the Season

Unless otherwise indicated, events are free with admission to grounds. Rain or shine.

Bronx, NY, October 24, 2007 – Wave Hill, a public garden and cultural center in the Bronx overlooking the Hudson River and Palisades, announces programs and events that will fill and enliven the 2007 holiday season. A month-long celebration of the holidays kicks off at Wave Hill right after Thanksgiving Day, when eleven artists transform Wave Hill House into an intimate wonderland. Landscape photography, the virtuosity of the 'ud, cooking with culinary conifers, and workshops creating wreaths, centerpieces and greeting cards celebrate the beauty of the season.

Make the Perkins Visitor Center your first stop. Enjoy the Members sale in early December and sample edible offerings all month at the Shop. Find a snug corner in the Café to enjoy a mug of cocoa or spicy cider, or a warm treat of Bananas Foster Bread Pudding or Apple Cranberry Cobbler. Be sure to visit www.wavehill.org to sign up for email reminders as the events of the season approach.

****Please note that all prices include admission to the Wave Hill grounds.****

HOLIDAY ART EXHIBITION

Ornamental Instincts

November 23, 2007–February 10, 2008

Wave Hill House

A show of seasonal, nature-inspired installations that bring into focus the ornamental genius of nature's varied habitats. On **Sunday, December 2nd at 2pm** meet the artists who have created the installations for *Ornamental Instincts* and the curator who selected them, **Wennie Huang**. Learn about the artists' approaches to brightening the indoors through nature for the holidays.

HOLIDAYS AT THE WAVE HILL SHOP

All events take place at the Perkins Visitor Center, 10AM–4:30PM

Holiday Shop Sale

Friday, November 23–Sunday, December 2

Members enjoy 20% discounts on all merchandise in the Wave Hill Shop and online at www.wavehillshop.com. This year Wave Hill is proud to offer “green” gift-wrapping, including 30% post-consumer recycled gift bags, boxes, wrap and tissue, decorated with unbleached, recycled, cotton twill ribbons. Complimentary seasonal gift-wrap is available on items over \$25.

Seasonal Tastings

The Wave Hill Shop will offer holiday tastings on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays throughout the holiday season, featuring goodies such as special teas, marmalades, and a maple mustard pretzel dipping. Be sure to drop in for a taste.

November 23—25: Savor hot, mulled cider

November 30—December 2: Taste the seasonal spices in our holiday tea and jam.

December 7—9: Enjoy maple mustard pretzel dipping.

December 14—16: Delight in zesty tangerine tea and marmalade.

December 21—23: Relish the flavors of orange cranberry tea and marmalade.

Trunk Show

Friday—Sunday, December 7, 8, 9

Get into the holiday spirit at **Ellen Schiffman**'s show featuring miniature botanical collages that provide the focus for pins and necklaces. Those who attended Schiffman's workshop on pressed plant creations at Wave Hill this past fall will especially appreciate her assortment of notecards and bookmarks incorporating pressed flowers, leaves and seedpods.

GARDEN WORKSHOPS

Saturday, December 8

Culinary Conifers: Conifers enhance our winter landscape, and their fruits are flavorful additions to sweet and savory dishes. Chef **Pam Carey** and Wave Hill Horticultural Interpreter **Charles Day** reveal the origin and history of pine nuts, juniper berries and ginkgo nuts while sharing delicious seasonal recipes.

Wave Hill House, 2pm

Thursday, December 13

Seasonal Centerpiece: Create a Wave Hill-inspired centerpiece for your table with twigs, cones, vines and fresh greens arranged around a fragrant beeswax candle. With Assistant Director of Public Programs **Laurel Rimmer**. \$40 Member; \$55 Non-member (includes admission to grounds).

Registration required; call 718.549.3200 x305.

Wave Hill House, 11am

Saturday, December 15

Natural Wreaths: Use a variety of fresh greens, herbs, spices and other natural materials to create a lush and fragrant wreath with Assistant Director of Public Programs **Laurel Rimmer**. \$40 Member; \$55 Non-member (includes admission to grounds). Registration required; call 718.549.3200 x305.

Wave Hill House, 2pm

ART WORKSHOPS

Sunday, December 2

Landscape Photography Series, Session 1—Untamed Nature

Discover the winter landscape with nature photographer **Benjamin Swett**. Explore the woodlands, where natural forms, patterns, light and color exist in random purposefulness. An opportunity to critique images is provided at the end of the session. 3-session fee: \$55 Member; \$75 Non-member. Single session fee: \$20 Member; \$30 Non-member. Registration required; call 718.549.3200 x305.

Wave Hill House, 10am-1pm

Friday, December 7

Holiday Sampler—Monotype Greeting Cards

Create unique holiday cards while exploring the painterly qualities of monotypes with printmaker and *Ornamental Instincts* artist **Julio Valdez**. \$40 Member; \$55 Non-member (includes admission to grounds). Registration required; call 718.549.3200 x305.

Wave Hill House, 10am-1pm

Friday, December 14

Holiday Sampler: Collage

Explore a variety of collage techniques and materials to create unique visual narratives with *Ornamental Instincts* artist **Cristina de Gennaro**. Bring your own photographs, drawings, paintings, small “found” objects and other low-relief materials to include as well. You may bring lunch or purchase it in the Café. \$40 Member; \$55 Non-member (includes admission to grounds). Registration required; call 718.549.3200 x305.

Wave Hill House, 10am-3pm (includes a one-hour lunch break)

FAMILY ART PROJECTS

All events take place at the Kerlin Learning Center from 1pm-4pm

Families are welcome to drop by at any point during the project.

Saturday and Sunday, November 24 and 25

Forest Impressions/*Marcas del bosque*: Gather twigs and branches from the fall woods and press them into service as parts of a modeled clay tree or other natural relief sculpture for your home.

Saturday and Sunday, December 1 and 2

Season’s Greetings/*Bienvenida a la estación*: Make your own live-action holiday cards. Liven up the winter with pop-up scenes of Wave Hill’s winter wonders to send and share.

Saturday and Sunday, December 8 and 9

Snow and Mountains/*Nieve y montañas*: Explore the use of Chinese brush and mixed media techniques to create winter landscapes with guidance from Mansheng Wang, whose project is featured in *Ornamental Instincts*.

Saturday and Sunday, December 15 and 16

It’s a Wrap/*Es un regalo*: Make one-of-a-kind wrapping paper by printing repeating patterns inspired by Wave Hill’s stately evergreens and other natural elements of the season.

Saturday and Sunday, December 22 and 23

Collage the Colors of Winter/*Capture la estación*: Immerse yourself in the subtle seasonal shades of woods and gardens. Collect a variety of plant materials. Then combine them with a variety of papers in collage creations that capture the tones and textures of the coolest time of the year.

Saturday and Sunday, December 29 and 30

Calendar Creations—Hello 2008!/*Creaciones de Invierno. Hola! 2008*: Capture the delights of Wave Hill for the new year. Paint your favorite view onto a calendar that will make a great gift or look terrific throughout the year on your wall at home, school or work

ADDITIONAL DECEMBER EVENTS

CONCERT

Sunday, December 9

The Instrument Cabinet: Simon Shaheen, ‘ud

Simon Shaheen, a master of traditional and modern Arabic music, performs improvisations and landmarks of music for his ancient instrument, the 'ud. Tickets: \$15 Member; \$24 Non-member; \$21 Senior 65+ and Student. Advance purchase recommended; call 718.549.3200 x385.

Wave Hill House, 2pm

NATURE WALK

Sunday, December 16

Seasonal Birding Series—Winter Wonder Walks

Shivering Songbirds: Join Prospect Park Audubon Center Senior Naturalist **Gabriel Willow** and learn how tiny woodland species, such as chickadees and sparrows, survive and prosper in the winter months. Binoculars and field guides may be borrowed, bought in the Shop, or you may bring your own. Series continues, January 13, April 13 and Mother's Day, May 11. Single session fee: \$10 Member; **\$18** Non-member. Registration required; call 718.548.3200 x305.

Meet at Perkins Visitor Center, 9–11am

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DIRECTIONS Accessible by Car, MTA Express Bus, Metro-North rail (to Riverdale Station), #1 subway transfer at 231 St. to Bx 7/10 bus, A subway transfer at 208 St. to Bx 7 bus.

HOURS

October 15-April 14: 9am-4:30pm, Tuesday-Sunday. Closed Mondays.

April 15-October 14: 9am-5:30pm, Tuesday-Sunday. Closed Mondays.

Open until 9pm Wednesdays in July and August.

ADMISSION

Free to Members and children under 6

Tuesday—Free all day; Saturday morning—Free 9am to noon

Wednesday—Sunday and Saturday afternoons: \$6 adult, \$3 students and seniors 65+, \$2 children 6+

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